



# SOUTH DAKOTA LIONS EYE & TISSUE BANK

## Eye & Tissue Recovery Technician Job Description

The South Dakota Lions Eye & Tissue Bank (SDLETB) is a non-profit organization headquartered in Sioux Falls, SD with offices in Rapid City, SD and Bismarck, ND, that is dedicated to helping restore the gifts of sight and health through eye and tissue donation and transplantation.

We are seeking motivated individuals to join our team as part time / per diem surgical recovery technicians. The tissue recovery technician performs aseptic surgical recovery of donated human corneas and other tissues. The technician's critical role will ensure safe and viable tissues for transplantation. Comprehensive training in aseptic technique and surgical recovery technique will be provided by SDLETB. Technicians will work independently or as part of a team and may travel throughout our service area (to hospitals, funeral homes, medical examiners offices, etc.) to complete the recovery. Technicians rotate on-call shifts to ensure a 24/7/365 coverage schedule.

### **Primary Purpose:**

The tissue recovery technician is responsible for the recovery of human ocular and non-ocular tissue for transplant and/or research. The technician is also responsible for transporting recovered tissue to offices or to airports to ensure rapid shipment to the corporate office in Sioux Falls. Our technicians are dedicated to the highest ethical standards and are trained to follow our surgical procedures to ensure tissues are recovered safely with respect and dignity to the donor and their family. We follow standards of the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA), the American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB) and regulations from the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Honoring the precious gift from the donor and donor family and ensuring life-saving transplants is what we strive to accomplish

### **Principal Accountabilities and Requirements:**

- Perform safe, efficient, and quality surgical recovery of human ocular and/or non-ocular tissue for transplant and/or research
- Aseptically recover tissues while maintaining the sterility of the work area
- Collect complete and accurate data from the recovery site and other appropriate agencies to include any relevant medical records, blood specimens, laboratory data, and the like – must be able to review for accuracy, legibility, and integrity
- Accurately measure, label, and package tissue for shipment or transport
- Clean and sanitize work area and all equipment and supplies as necessary
- Remove trash and biohazard waste from the work area and place in designated areas
- Act professionally and respectfully as a representative of SDLETB in hospitals, funeral homes, and other donation settings
- Be available during assigned on-call shifts



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- Perform timely transportation of recovered tissues, specimens, and records to the corporate office, satellite office, or to a shipment facility depending on location
- In all activities, support the Mission, Vision, and Values of the South Dakota Lions Eye & Tissue Bank

### **Required Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities:**

- High degree of manual dexterity, using tools/instruments, and following procedures which require hand-eye coordination
- Excellent oral and written communication skills with the ability to effectively interact with all SDLETB, hospital, and associated agencies staff.
- Must be able to work days, nights, and weekends when needed (schedule is on a rotating basis depending on all technician's availability)
- Must have reliable and dependable transportation to ensure prompt arrival at an SDLETB office when called
- Must be able to retain a working knowledge of our standard operating procedures (paid training is provided)
- Must be able to stand for long periods of time and be able to work up to 4 hours without a rest break
- Must be willing to travel (in company-provided vehicles or other company-provided transportation)
- Must be able to work with potentially biological hazardous materials
- Must be able to lift up to 50 pounds

### **Education and/or Equivalent Experience:**

- Minimum one year experience in one of the following areas: Eye and/or Tissue Banking, Central Sterile Supply, Surgical Technician, or production experience in a sterile environment (such as pharmaceutical or medical fields)
- High School diploma or equivalent
- Preferred experience and/or education in anatomy and physiology
- Valid driver's license is required

Successful applicants will receive paid training and continuing education as opportunities are available

If you wish to apply, please complete the application found on our website (<http://www.sdletb.org/jobs>) and send via email to [jobs@sdletb.org](mailto:jobs@sdletb.org) or by mail to the following address:

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